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Legislator Rath announces support for Clarence, Newstead historical societies

(ERIE COUNTY, NY) – Erie County Legislator Edward A. Rath, III is pleased to announce that the Legislature has supported his requests to fund the Clarence Historical Society and the Newstead Historical Society in the 2017 Erie County budget. The Legislature approved \$10,000 (\$5,000 each) at the Dec. 6, 2016 annual budget meeting to support the societies’ efforts to preserve local history and provide educational programming.

“Prioritizing funding in the county budget for the Clarence Historical Society and the Newstead Historical Society protects our local history, something I know many of us value greatly. Every year a great deal of time is spent preserving exhibits and buildings, in addition to providing programming,” said Legislator Rath.

“The Clarence Historical Society, an all-volunteer non-profit group, is very thankful for the efforts of Ed Rath, and his colleagues, to obtain this funding. It will be used to further our purposes, recording and exhibiting the history of the first and oldest township in Erie County. This validates the hard work of the people of Clarence in re-making our museum into a destination for anyone interested in the history of this community,” said Thomas A. Steffan, President of the Clarence Historical Society.

“The Newstead Historical Society is very proud of the program we offer to our community. It is a source of great satisfaction when Erie County, and Legislator Rath in particular, recognize our efforts. This \$5,000 grant will help us to expand our offerings to better serve the Town Newstead and County of Erie,” said Don Holmes, President of the Newstead Historical Society.

The additional funding was added into the 2017 budget without increasing overall spending in the next fiscal year. In fact, the property tax rate will decrease for the third consecutive year.

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